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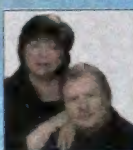
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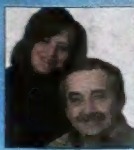
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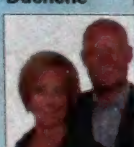


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Angie Bird appointed CAO

By Jerry Grozelle

The Township of Algonquin Highlands has a new CAO. Angie Bird has stepped up from her position as Clerk to assume the role of Chief Administrative Officer.

"We're pleased to give her the opportunity," Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said. "She has been with the township for 18 years and I think this is a perfect example of appropriate succession planning. She certainly brings an awful lot of history and knowledge to a new council.

"There is no question it's a big job for her. I have no doubt that she will grow into it quite nicely. She's diligent, she's detail oriented, and I think she'll do a fabulous job. She has all the qualifications."

Moffatt said that what Bird brings to the position is process, history and previous experience with the township, and that knowledge of the community far outweighs her lack of experience as a CAO.

"There has been a lot of upheaval in the office with the last year's human resources issues and the stability that Angie brings will be a good balance. I think it's a good choice all around."

Following the recommendation of the previous council, the new council appointed Fay Brown as acting treasurer until April. "That will get us through budget, through hiring and through training," Moffatt said.

The township will advertise for a clerk as well as a treasurer.

Final screening report received

Airport decision deferred

By Jerry Grozelle

The final version of the Environmental Assessment Screening Report has been received from Infrastructure Canada. After a short discussion, council decided to acknowledge receipt of the document and defer signing it pending further review of the project.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said she didn't see it as an issue that required a long discussion. "Our decision is whether or not to sign the document today or leave it for some other options which will be discussed later," she said. Moffatt added that her preference would be to acknowledge receipt of the document and defer any further action until the matter has been reviewed.

"So, the resolution is purely to say that council has received the report and acknowledges it," Councillor Gary Schultz noted in clarification. Clerk Angie Bird said she needed direction regarding whether or not council chose to defer execution of the document.

"This is not a matter of yes or no," Moffatt pointed out. "Our steps going forward have potential to be very complicated." She said the new members of council may not be aware of how the process has developed and knowing their

feelings regarding the airport expansion project they should be brought up to speed regarding the details and finances that have led to this point before any further decisions are made. Council decided to defer any decisions until the all avenues have been thoroughly investigated.

The matter was discussed during an in-camera session following last Thursday's council meeting. The reeve was contacted Tuesday to get her comments.

"Council deferred execution of the document, which means it won't be signed," Moffatt said. "All of the people sitting around the council table now clearly expressed during whatever campaign period they may have had that they wanted to have more information and a more thorough review of the project. 'To do that, we have to get a lot of information and a lot of opinions. I think council made it very clear that what they want is to examine a broad range of options and the implications of those options."

"Part of the broad range of options for us will include seeking legal advice on what it is we can do. Somebody has to review a variety of documents and advise us what our options are or are not."

Moffatt said she doesn't expect this process to be tied up with a bow in a matter of six weeks. "I think we'll be at this for some time to make sure we do it right."

Move of air ambulance base raises concerns

But Ornge COO calls move 'best case scenario'

By Laura Redman

The municipality of Dysart et al received a letter of concern from R. (Bob) Gleeson that was presented in open council at the Dec. 13 meeting. Gleeson, an Ajax resident, stated his "concern, disbelief and utter dismay" with the fact that Ornge – the air ambulance service provider for this area – is relocating their base from Toronto to Hamilton.

When contacted at home, Gleeson said he felt he was in a unique position to comment on the issue – he's a former firefighter, a retired police officer from St. Hubert, Quebec, more recently, a retired provincial prosecutor who worked the provincial offences courts in Lindsay and Minden – and he knows many Ornge personnel. Gleeson was also a victim of an incident that required medical transport by air ambulance and he said he wrote the letter as a concerned citizen and sent it out to municipalities across the province.

Gleeson's letter outlined his concerns.

"I am very worried that this move will reduce the chances

of patients' survival by the incredible and educated people who staff these flying hospitals. As recently as November 24, 2010, in a 24-hour period, ORNGE flight paramedics responded to and transported 84 patients. From January 1, 2010 through July 21, 2010, there were 1,026 calls received by Toronto base from their serviced area. 731 or 71.25 per cent of these calls had Toronto as their destination, while 80 or 7.8 per cent had Hamilton as their destination."

Gleeson's letter goes on to say that the decision to move the base is "severely lacking in logic... every second and minute is needed to facilitate a patient's survival."

"I just don't know why the hell they're moving to Hamilton," Gleeson said in a telephone interview. "From your area (Haliburton), it will add another 20 minutes to their response time."

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Front page photo: Our front page photograph was taken this week at the Haliburton United Church, home to this beautiful stained glass window. The church will offer their annual Christmas Eve service tomorrow (Friday) night at 7 p.m.

Photo by Laura Redman



POLICE REPORTS

Minden Hills Impaired

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male party after stopping a vehicle during a R.I.D.E. program on Saturday December 18, 2010 shortly before 4:00pm on Highway #118 in the Township of Minden Hills.

The officer had conversation with the driver who was subsequently given a roadside screening device test. The driver failed the test and was arrested. He was then taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Impaired Driving and Driving over 80mgs is Michael Barnes 42 years of Gravenhurst. Mr. Barnes will be appearing in Minden Court on February 2, 2011 in relation to the charges.

Snowmobile safety tips

(City of Kawartha Lakes, ON.) – The City of Kawartha Lakes OPP would like to offer some snowmobile safety tips in the hopes they will make your snowmobiling experience safer and to prevent offences from occurring.

Never ride on closed trails. To do so is trespassing. Trails are closed for your safety. Know where you are riding and that you have permission to be there, if not, you are trespassing. Never drink and ride. A snowmobile is a motor vehicle as defined under the Criminal Code of Canada. Know the ice conditions before you go!! Ice is never guaranteed 100 per cent safe. If you break through the ice, you and your sled will sink. Always obey the rules of the trail. They are there for you and others safety. Don't speed! The speed limit while travelling in urban areas is 20 km/h and in rural areas it is 50 km/h, unless stated otherwise on the trail.

Wear the proper clothing for snowmobiling. Weather and trail conditions can change quickly, wear clothing that will protect you. Always wear an approved snowmobiling helmet.

Always stay on marked trails. Venturing off them may take you onto private property. On all trips, both short and long let someone know your route so if you have problems, emergency service personnel will know where to start looking for you.

Carry a cellular phone with a fully charged battery with you in case you have to call for help.

Finally remember as an operator of a snowmobile it is the choices you make while riding that either gets you home safely or into a collision that could take your or a friend's life. □

Essonville Line explosion still under investigation

The explosion that obliterated the home at 2635 Essonville Line in Wilberforce is still under investigation.

Steve Klimpel, fire investigator with the Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal, said in a phone interview on Monday that his office, along with the Technical Standards and Safety Authority are still conducting interviews in relation to the incident.

"Exhibits taken from the scene are still under examination at the Forensic Science Centre in Toronto," Klimpel said. "And it may be another month before we can identify the cause of the explosion."

The explosion resulted in a huge mushroom cloud that was seen and heard in the area surrounding the town, and completely eradicated the two-year-old house. The homeowner, who was in the bathroom at the time of the incident, was blown into the basement, before he managed to crawl out of the wreckage to find help offered by his neighbour and emergency service personnel. He was initially airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital, but released four days later in good condition.

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Sounds of the season

Students at Stuart Baker Elementary School celebrated the season by singing carols this week. The Stuart Baker Strings also performed on Monday morning. From left, Bethany Houghton, back row, Helen Williams, Jamie Holden and Mrs. Watson, front row, Anabelle Craig and Owen Wootton.

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Christmas greetings from New Zealand

For anyone from Haliburton County who has spent the winter in a warm climate, there is always feeling of dislocation especially when Christmas approaches.

It is much more than the lack of snow, although that often becomes the defining point when chatting with locals: "Oh ya, where I come from we have snow up to here, eh?" we report with a sense of bravado and perhaps a little exaggeration.

But it goes beyond the bragging rights that come with being Canadian in a warm climate in December. The sense of being not quite where one should be is accentuated by the run up to the Christmas celebration. I noticed in particular how the North American, no, the northern North American, image of Christmas has grown to dominate the world. In Auckland, New Zealand where I write this column, the airwaves are filled with Christmas music, songs that refer to sleigh bells, white Christmases and Jack Frost nipping at your nose. It is rare, if ever in this part of the country for the temperature to dip to the freezing point. There is no snow here to make snowmen, snow angels or snowballs. While the songs may urge everyone to dream of a white Christmas, in this city it will forever be just a dream. Of course, there are places in this country where you can experience a winter with snow, but one has to travel south quite a distance and then up into the mountains in July and August.

Some houses sport Christmas decorations and many have trees, a local bushier evergreen that looks and smells a little like our spruce.

The malls are all trimmed out with a variety of Christmas decorations, with towering Christmas trees being a central motif. Of course Santa is everywhere, including images of a giant 20 foot Coca Cola Santa holding up three bottles of apparently his favourite beverage and dressed all in fur from his head to his foot. In one of the nearby shopping centres, Santa's chair is set in front of one of these large artificial trees and while it certainly evokes a memory of similar scenes back home, it is not hard to spot the equally large palm tree poking its fronds into the scene from the background.

Far be for me to suggest that this display of Christmas spirit should be dampened. However, I can't help but feel that the northern North American ideal of how the Christmas should be marketed.... er... celebrated, has been imposed from afar. I view that development with a twinge of sadness. Certainly, there are Kiwi Christmas traditions: dinner with family and friends in which a barbeque is more in use than an oven; lamb, ham and seafood generally trumps turkey as the centrepiece of the meal; enjoying the holiday at the seaside cottage or bach; and tucking into a pavlova, that towering meringue of as dessert concoction that New Zealanders and Australians equally claim as their own.

Despite these enticing local twists, the media continues to present images of Christmas, mostly as those of us from northern North American know it. Rosy cheeked children frolicking in the snow, making snowmen, snowmen who are running off to get married and, well, everything that Christmas isn't or can never be in Auckland. And while many people choose to ignore this incongruity, it adds even more to the dislocation encountered as this writer tries not to dream of a white Christmas.

Whatever colour your Christmas, may it be happy and the new year filled with great hope and promise. ■

from Jack Brezina

Letter of the Week

"Freedom of religion enshrined in the constitution"

Dear Editor:

With respect to Tyson Farrell's letter, he is fortunate to live in a country where freedom of religion is enshrined in the constitution. This freedom gives him the right to dislike the fact that prayers and words from the Bible were used at the swearing in of new councils, and the freedom to say so openly.

The same freedom however, gives those who do value it the right to celebrate the faith our country is founded on. Many Canadians do not know that the very name of our country, The Dominion of Canada, comes from Psalm 72:8, "He shall have dominion from sea to sea". The Fathers of Confederation agreed to use this name when Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley presented it after praying about what our country should be called. Later, the leaders of Canada had these words chiseled in stone inside the Peace Tower of the Parliament building in Ottawa where millions of visitors from Canada and around the world can read them every year. In fact, there are other scriptures and biblical symbols carved into the walls of Parliament, on the bell in the tower, and the words 'Laus Deo' ('Praise God' in Latin) are carved into the Speaker's chair.

As far as respecting other religions, our constitution does guarantee that people have the right to practice religions other than Christianity, but it doesn't guarantee that they will never be exposed to it or hear words from the Bible. Refusing Canadians the right to openly express the faith that this country was founded on is indeed a form of intolerance.

Helen Brown
Algonquin Highlands

"Our Reeve should travel on our back roads and see where people live"

Dear Editor

I read the article in The Voice where our Reeve wants the fire chief to fund a used fire truck. What is she thinking? We the tax payers are paying for a piece of junk that may last a year or two and then they would have to get another one. Our Reeve should travel on our back roads and see where people live.

Myself as a tax payer would not want to have a fire and the used truck breaks down before it gets there. As Doug Schell said the new truck has specific features that will assist in cottage country firefighting.

Janet McMahon
Minden Hills Tax Payer

Editor's Note: We received a call from Minden Hills Fire Chief Doug Schell, who pointed out that the pumper truck discussed in a story in the December 16 issue is actually 21 years old. The Voice regrets the error.

"Saudi Alberta" runs Canada"

Dear Editor:

Both the Conservative and Liberal governments want us to believe that exploiting the Alberta tar sands benefits Canada's economy. But this full-speed-ahead oil rush has turned our beloved old Canadian loonie into a petrodollar—its value marching in lock-step with the price of oil. And both are soaring. high Canadian dollar cripples our tourism, forestry, and manufacturing industries. As well, many countries are now boycotting Canada because of our tar sands mess. I've seen England's and Germany's television and print ads, and they're both gruesome and effective. Visits to Canada are nose-diving.

Manufacturing? Our costly dollar makes it more expensive for companies to export products from our shores. Sweden's Electrolux has just announced it's vacating Montreal and setting up shop in Tennessee. And to top it off, necessary improvements to the Canada Pension Plan, that were welcomed by most provinces, were recently shelved because Alberta objected to them.

Is it just me, or does anyone else think Saudi Alberta's power needs to be reined in? With any luck, we'll all have a chance to do just that in the upcoming year—should a federal election be called.

Susanne Lauten, Federal Green Party Candidate
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The Outsider

■ By Will Jones

A missive to the man in red

Dear Santa,

After googling you and finding no website, Facebook page, blog or twitter, no email or postal address; and, seeing as my house has neither fire nor chimney up which I can smoke my letter to you, I decided to publish it in the hope that you read The Voice.

Mine is not a long wish list, nor pleading letter explaining away the things I've done that may be construed as bad and thus terminate your contractual obligation to bring me gifts. I don't want for much at all. I have a loving wife and bonny baby boy. I live in a beautiful house, albeit with no chimney, and my new Canadian home is proving to be just as wonderful as dreamed of from my rat-infested billet in London.

I have just three things I'd like to discuss with you, Santa.

Firstly, I'm aghast at the complete disregard for festive period profiteering in my new neighbourhood. I drive into the village and park my car on the street alongside the parking meter only to find that it has been turned into a smiling snowman: the next one has bells on it and the third, a likeness of your good self. With growing panic I venture into a nearby store and ask how to pay for parking, "no charge" says the smiling proprietor. NO CHARGE! Has the world gone mad? It's Christmas time for Pete's sake!

And it doesn't stop there. It was free to meet Santa at Camp Wanakita—but I assume you knew that, you being in attendance, and, my little lad also had his picture taken with you at the Minden Community Centre, again it was gratis.

Are these people deluded? Yourself excluded I hasten to add. Do they not realise that Christmas is the time for giving...everyone's wallet a jolly good clean out. Back in Blighty they wring every last penny from our purses as we scramble to pay exorbitant prices to visit you in some bedraggled marquee hastily erected in the car park of a shopping mall. They drum up hysteria over the 'must-have' toys and gadgets 'for this year'. They increase parking meter prices, too... OK, I don't know about that last one but they certainly don't make parking free. Lord no!

Next, I must apologise for the way these Canadian folk overwork you. What with parades at every town, village, hamlet and crossroads, plus appearances at art galleries, community fairs, youth camps, shopping malls, even the local hardware store, you must be absolutely knackered, if you'll pardon my language.

I always wondered why as a child the opening of presents didn't happen until after Christmas dinner in our house. Now I realise it was because the Canadians were monopolising Santa; you got behind in your work and you were late delivering to England! What I suggest Santa is that you turn some of these pre-Christmas gigs down. That, or press-gang one or two old fellows into donning Santa outfits and filling in for you. Believe me, there are plenty of white whiskered septuagenarians around here in need of gainful employment to keep them out of mischief.

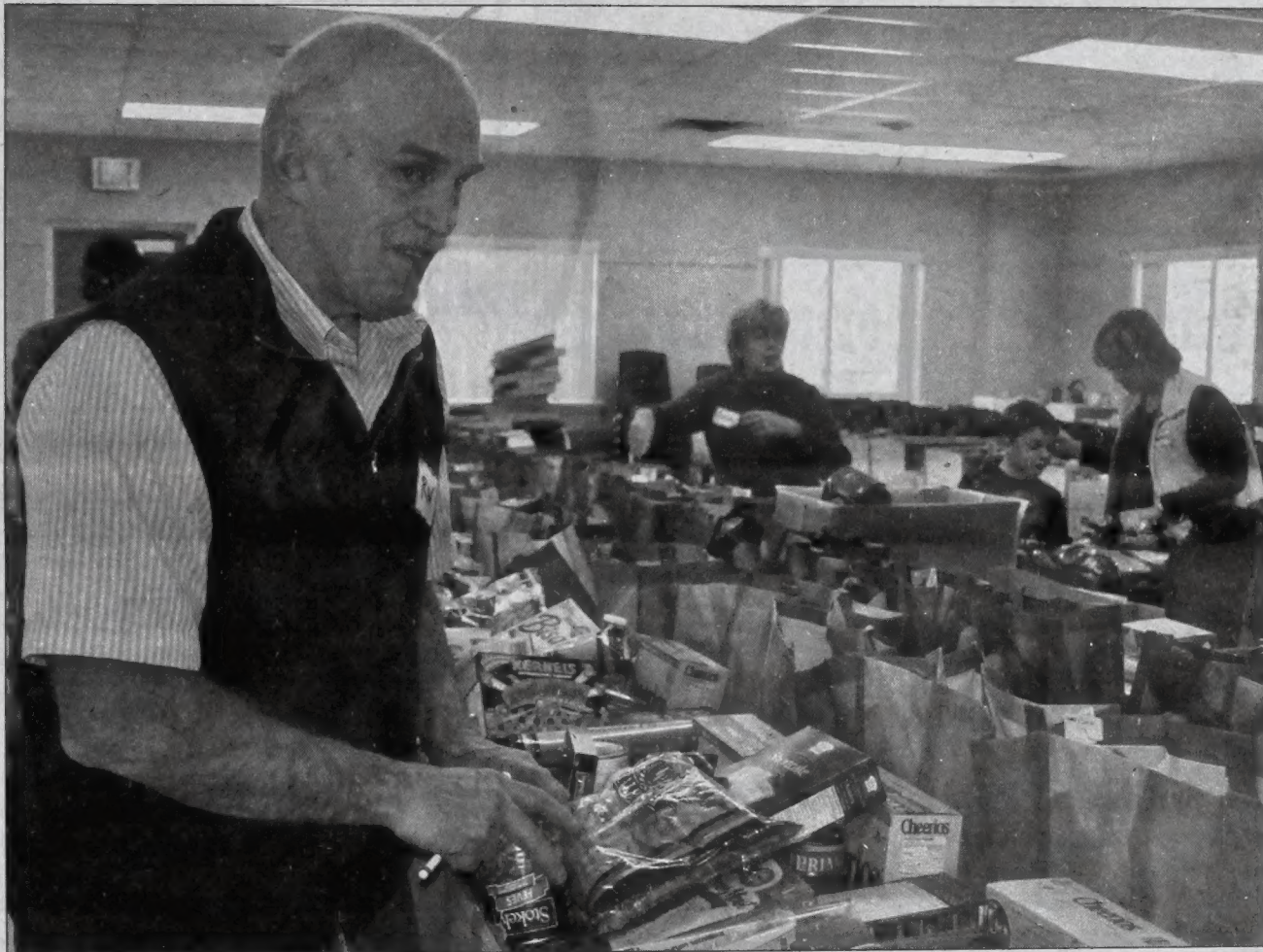
Finally Santa, my plea for next year's parade. When you're making your list (of parade floats) and checking it twice, please be extra vigilant. At this year's parade, in between the pony club, ballet school and marching bands were imposters of the lowest form. Disguised in yuletide costume, or worse still, driving along in slogan emblazoned SUVs, were an assortment of politicians. Three times my darling boy was handed a 'gift' and each time it had a political manifesto attached to it. Please be more scrupulous of whom you promenade with Santa. That, or issue rotten fruit for us onlookers to vent our angst at the offending interlopers.

All said and done, I ask not a lot of you, Santa. Just keep up the good work and keep an eye on the weird and wonderful winter world of Haliburton.



OPP Constable Mark McMaster receives a bag of food from Tim Sharpe at Easton's Valumart. The annual drive in support of the food bank was one of the most successful on record.

Photo by Stephen Patrick



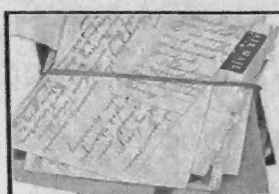
Minden Hills Christmas Food Bank and Toy program Coordinator Ron Reid makes sure each box has the right stuff. Over 150 families will benefit from the annual program, made possible by the community's generosity and hundreds of volunteer hours.

Photo by Stephen Patrick



HHHS Staffers donate to Homebuilders' Toy Challenge: The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Staff and Clients presented a very large basket of toys to the Haliburton County Homebuilders' Toy Challenge last week, joining the Dysart Firefighters and many other organizations in this effort to bring joy to many children. From left: Kym Gordon, Melanie Flood, Lillian Harrison, Christy Angiers, Kathy Anderson, Kris Baird.

Photo by Stephen Patrick



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Location available for low income dental clinic

Municipality offers space for Haliburton County Volunteer Dental Outreach

By Mark Arike

Haliburton County's first free dental clinic for low income residents, scheduled to open sometime next spring, is looking like it will be located in the building that is currently home to the 2011 Winterfest Games office.

That information was revealed at a meeting with some of the project's key players on Friday, Dec. 17 at the Haliburton County Development Corporation's (HCDC) board office.

"There won't be a problem with getting a five-year lease on the space," said Janis Parker, a member of the organizing committee for what will be known as the Haliburton County Volunteer Dental Outreach.

Parker, who has been in communication with the municipality of Dysart et al, said that the municipality has agreed to offer the clinic the space for a nominal monthly fee, with hydro and heat included.

"The Wintergames staff have to stay in there until the end of February, but we can get in and do all of the measurements ahead of time," said Parker.

Organizers on the project's "management committee" (formed on Friday) – including dentists, non-profit workers, prominent locals and others – are scheduled to work out the details on the property at a meeting on Jan. 7.

Before tackling a number of other issues – such as the project's legal structure, governance, partnerships, an operating model and finances, Dr. William Kerr, a dentist who spearheaded the entire project with local dental hygienist Lisa Stoughton, provided an overview of the how the clinic would work.

"My vision is to have a clinic where dentists, hygienists and

others would book into to volunteer," explained Kerr of the set up.

Kerr said that he would volunteer for three Thursdays per month.

To that end, Dr. John Purc, former owner of a practice in Minden, said that he knew of a dental assistant interested in volunteering at the clinic. He said that he would also be willing to provide his services.

"If I come up, she'll probably come up," said Purc.

Kerr explained that a screening process would need to be in place to determine a patient's need for dental work and how soon they should be seen.

"Initially, we'd probably be providing more emergency type dentistry – things like root canals, extractions and deep fillings."

Kerr would like to see a clinic with two operatories, a sterilization room, and a waiting and reception area.

Dental supplies and equipment have already been donated by local dentists and donations continue to flow in. Monetary donations – like \$5,000 that recently came from the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit's (HKPR) discretionary fund – are being collected by SIRCH Community Services, a local not-for-profit, charitable organization, on behalf of the project.

SIRCH's executive director Gena Robertson was at the meeting and explained why her organization became involved with the project from the get-go.

"Many of our programs deal with families at risk, so this is a nice match for us," said Robertson.

Founded in 1989, SIRCH provides more than 20 programs to Haliburton County, including those that deal with poverty, hospice and healthy eating.

The dental clinic will cater to working adults, most likely those over the age of 17. It was pointed out that government run programs like CINOT (Children in Need of Treatment) and Healthy



Some of the members of the community involved in the launch of Haliburton County's first free low-income dental clinic listen to Dr. William Kerr explain the project.

Photo by Mark Arike

Smiles Ontario are for kids from low income families in need of services. There aren't, however, programs like those for adults.

"We want to make sure that there aren't people falling through the cracks," said Kerr.

Barb Bolin, chairperson of the meeting and chair of HCDC, said that the project has already received an overwhelming amount of support.

"It's so nice to see a project in the county where you don't have to draw people in," said Bolin. "It's really taken a life of its own."

Organizers of the project have applied for \$2,500 in funds from HCDC for the purpose of creating a business plan.

Members of the recently formed management committee include Bill and Lisa Kerr, Janis Parker, Maarten Steinkamp, Lisa Stoughton, Hugh Nichol and Gena Robertson.

To donate to the project, visit www.sirch.on.ca or email Dr. Kerr at bill_kerr@sympatico.ca. □

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Tai Chi group contributes \$600 to food banks

By Mark Arike

Members of the local Taoist Tai Chi Society recently stepped up to the plate to assist local food banks with \$600 in monetary donations.

"During our tai chi we have a tea break and members put money in to cover the costs of tea and cookie supplies," explained Wilma Thomson, co-president of the Peterborough branch, on how the group currently collected funds.

Tai instructors – all of whom are volunteers – used to pay for the items themselves, but as class sizes grew the work involved became too demanding. Members of the group were then asked to contribute funds for the items, and as a result, more than enough has been brought in.

"When asked to contribute the members overcompensated ..." said Thomson. "That money [leftover] has gone to a variety of local charities as well as back to the Taoist Tai Chi Society itself."

Thomson added that a portion of the funds recently donated

– \$300 to the 4Cs in Haliburton and another \$300 to the Minden food bank – were raised at the group's Christmas party.

By collecting donations over the past few years, the group has managed to contribute \$1,800 to Haliburton County's food banks.

"It's amazing how much can add up from a quarter here, a loonie there over a period of time. As always people from the Haliburton Highlands seem to be very generous – and obviously, that's no less true of Taoist Tai Chi members," said Thomson.

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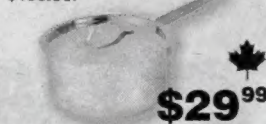


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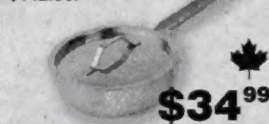
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Santa visits Wilberforce

A snowstorm dumped on Haliburton County on December 12, but it didn't turn away those brave enough to weather it for the sake of seeing Santa and friends in Wilberforce.

Above: South Algonquin Trails horseback riders trod along the parade route.

Right: Bradley Ezard gets a good look at Santa before getting his photo taken.

Below: Local girl guides share smiles with the crowd.

Photos by Mark Arike



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Back Words

Brothers

By Nick Adams
2nd Place Winner
Adult Category

Nick Adams was born in Orangeville in 1974. His family moved to Cape Breton in 1980 before settling down in Brampton in 1983. Nick started writing stories, poems, and scripts at an early age. He was first published in the Brampton Guardian in 1986 after interviewing the President of the World Wrestling Federation. Nick was burdened with boundless creativity, but an inability to achieve good grades threatened to derail his academic career. A diagnosis of clinical depression at age 16 helped shed some light on why he was unable to focus, and nearly two years of psychotherapy helped him considerably. Nick credits this therapy, along with his ability to write essays with ease, for allowing him to graduate with honours from Chinguacousy Secondary School in 1993. To find out what happened to Nick over the next 17 years, you will have to wait for his book to be published.

Brothers
 By Nick Adams

"This isn't worth the paper it's written on," Thomas said as he looked down at the scribbled IOU in his hand. "What am I supposed to do with it?" he demanded of his brother Simon, who stood before him soaking wet and shivering.

Simon shifted his weight and sighed deeply. Writing the IOU may have been a mistake but it had been a long day. As he took stock of the situation he reasoned that it had in fact been a long year or two that had brought him to the door of his estranged brother on a cold November morning.

"Come on Simon! What do you want me to say?" he demanded. "It's been two years since I last saw you and over a year and a half since I talked to you on the phone and here you are bright and early on a Sunday morning on my doorstep, uninvited and unannounced." Simon leaned against the post on the front porch and stared at his boots. He knew full well that this was only the beginning of what would be a thorough tongue lashing.

"It's been raining for two days. I know you didn't drive here, and you don't even have an umbrella."

There was nothing Simon could say, the truth dripped from every part of his six-foot frame. The one good thing to come out of the verbal exchange was that it was taking place in the comfort of the covered porch of his brother's house and not in the freezing cold drizzle.

"What have you been doing for the past year?" Thomas demanded.

"Lots of things," Simon mumbled. "Working, living," he paused, looked up at his brother and let

a smile escape one side of his mouth. "Dancing at Gelert Gardens."

"That's hilarious. Maybe 20 years ago." Thomas sneered. "Now you hand me this IOU and I'm expected to open my arms and welcome you back into my life, just like that?"

Simon stood silent.

There was now someone else in the entrance way of the house, peering out through the condensation on the screen door. Two little hands rubbed away the thin veil and shortly thereafter, two faces had pressed themselves against the window, peering out on to the porch.

Simon smiled and waved at the little faces, which immediately caused them to explode into giggles and run away from the door.

"They haven't changed," he said, shifting his smiling face to his brother. "Two years didn't turn them against me, bro."

"They are children, Simon," Thomas stated simply. "To them you are the fun Uncle who used to take them on canoe trips. They don't know half the story."

"Neither do you," Simon shot back.

"Not from lack of trying. You aren't exactly easy to talk to, Simon." Thomas exhaled loudly and crossed his arms in front of him. The two brothers stood a mere five feet away from each other, but it seemed like five miles. The rain which had been falling for nearly two days was letting up and now the puddles on Thomas Weston's driveway were still, as still as the two men on the front porch of the house.

The stillness was broken suddenly by the front door swinging

open. A woman came charging through the doorway and threw her arms around the soaking wet visitor.

"Simon," she shrieked. "I can't believe it's you! The girls said they saw you talking to Thom out here but I thought they were joking. My God, look at you, you are soaked to the bone. What are you doing in Haliburton?"

"Hi Sarah," Simon managed from beneath the tight embrace of his sister in law. "Well, I heard about this new library and just had to check it out, you know."

He winked at his brother, whose glare had softened considerably. His two daughters stood in the doorway in anticipation.

"Here," Thom said to his brother, handing him the IOU that had been given to him. "This is for you. Come inside and have breakfast with us." He ushered his girls back into the warmth of the small house, his wife and brother following behind him. The aroma of freshly brewed coffee

blanketed them. "What's that?" Sarah said pointing to the note.

"Something that needed to be said," Simon replied, staring down at the note in his hand, written in his own handwriting.

"IOU an apology," was all it said. He smiled and stepped into the warm, cozy home.



Nick Adams

Judge's Comments: The themes of redemption, forgiveness and family love are well developed. The story is beautifully written, with excellent use of dialogue. The required words are skillfully woven into the fabric of the tale. Good use of pathetic fallacy is made in creating the atmosphere of tension between the brothers and skillful use of imagery makes the reader feel the discomfort of the protagonist. The conflict between the brothers is palpable, but we empathize with the "prodigal son" who is returning to face the wrath of his family and admit fault for the estrangement. His sense of humour shines through (comment about the new library) which makes him a more appealing character than his brother. His easy acceptance by the rest of the family brands him as a lovable scamp, one the reader is pleased to see welcomed into the warmth and security of loving family. This was a pleasure to read.

Time Machine

By Bridie Andrus

2nd Place Winner
Child Category

"I am nine years old, and go to Mariposa Elementary School. I love going to Haliburton to visit my Papa and Lala. I love writing stories and making crafts." Bridie Andrus

Time Machine
 By Bridie Andrus

One day a girl named Jenny wanted to do some thing different in her work. You see Jenny is a scientist. She had done volcanoes and all the other stuff but she was always trying to make a time machine. She needed a umbrella from a Unicorn island, a canoe from Gelert and an autograph from the famous dancer Greg. To help her find it all she needed a science book of science facts from the library.

So she started her journey. First she went to the library to get the science book of science facts. She couldn't find it anywhere so she asked the librarian. The librarian said that Mr. Fungus had it at a school named Red Road in Gelert.

"I guess that's okay, I'm going there anyway to get the canoe." So Jenny took her flying carpet to Gelert. There she went to the school. She went to Room 100 to find Mr. Fungus teaching about exploding fungus. Jenny wasn't surprised. She snuck in the room like a mouse on her stomach like doing pushups on her fingers.

Mr. Fungus caught her because in her school she skipped gym to work on science.

Mr. Fungus asked her, "What do you want?"

"I want that book you got at the library" Jenny said.

"Well only if you give me your candy bar."

said Mr. Fungus.

"But but... NO BUTS! Its for the machine." said jenny quietly, so Mr. Fungus wouldn't hear.

"Okay, here you go. My green, old, fungusy-mouldy chocolate bar that I got for Christmas last year."

That thing gave her the shivers. She didn't tell him that because he might ask for the book back. After Jenny left the school she went to the river to find the canoe. Instead she found a paper that said at the end of the river there was a magical canoe. Jenny thought there's no such thing as a magic canoe.

She spent two days going to the end of the river to see if it existed at all. At the end of the river in Gelert she saw it, a magic canoe! She tried to take it off the chain but it wouldn't budge. She saw a small wooden wagon siting part way in the water.

On the side of the wagon there was a sign that read Mrs. Disc. She had a lot of CD's in her wagon. The canoe was for sale for \$100 dollars. Luckily she had over \$400 dollars from some tourists wanted her volcano project, so she slapped the money on Mrs. Disc's table and in a loud voice, she said, "Here's the money for the magic canoe."

The lady said, "Wow, you got attitude." So she gave her the keys and Jenny was on her way to the

unicorn island.

When she got there she saw an umbrella store, so she went in. That was easy. One of her favourite science songs was on when she got there. There was tons of umbrellas each for \$200, so she got the one with science all over the place. When she went outside all the unicorns started charging at her. She made it to the flying carpet and took off just in time.

Then she went to get the final thing, an autograph from the famous dancer named Greg. He was just about to start dancing at rehearsal when Jenny ran in like a screaming fan. She said, "Oh my gosh, it's Greg! Can I have your autograph?"

"CAN YOU WAIT KID?"

"Please! Please!"

"Fine. Who am I making this out to?"

"Its Jenny."

"Here you go."

Jenny made sure to say thank you. When she got home she got two batteries, the canoe, the autograph, the umbrella and a pull switch.

"It's alive!" she yelled.

But before she noticed she had already zipped back in time before she got the canoe, the umbrella, and the autograph.

"NOOOOOOO!"



Bridie Andrus

Judge's comments: This story speeds the reader through a great adventure, with a very imaginative use of the required five words. The interesting characters and edgy dialogue are reminiscent of the style of Robert Munsch and the quirky ending keeps the reader guessing as the adventure continues.

County Council gets started, appoints committees

By Jerry Grozelle

The majority of December's meeting of County council as devoted to bringing new council members up to speed on what the various departments do and how they operate. Department heads summarized the day-to-day operation, and how county government relates to that operation.

Committee appointments

The main order of business for the new council in its first meeting was the appointment of council members and members of the public to the various committees of council.

Following are the appointments:

Road Committee: Councillors Elizabeth Danielsen, Dave Burton, Murray Fearrey, and Barb Reid

Emergency Services Committee: Councillors Bill Davis, Carol Moffatt, Cheryl Murdoch, and Suzanne Partridge

Finance and Correspondence Committee: Councillors Carol Moffatt, Suzanne Partridge, and Barb Reid

Personnel Committee: Councillors Elizabeth Danielsen,

Dave Burton, Murray Fearrey, and Cheryl Murdoch
Economic Development Committee: Councillors Dave Burton, Murray Fearrey, Carol Moffatt and Barb Reid

Library Board: Councillors Elizabeth Danielsen, Bill Davis, Cheryl Murdoch, Suzanne Partridge, and Warden as Ex Officio; public appointments Nancy McLuskey, Brian Cain, Reuben T. Maughan, and Brenda Robinson.

Joint Accessibility Committee: Councillor Bill Davis, Elizabeth Danielsen, Cheryl Murdoch, Suzanne Partridge, and Warden as Ex Officio; public appointments Robert Young, Miles Robert, Debbie Everitt, Bev Kraulis, and one vacant position

The following persons were appointed as representatives of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton to the associated agency and board committees for the term December 15, 2010 to November 30, 2014:

Regional Tourism Organization No. 11: David Bishop

Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit: Councillor Dave Burton

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents: Councillor Dave Burton

Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus: sitting Warden

City of Kawartha Lakes-County of Haliburton Joint Housing and Social Services Committee: Councillors Carol Moffatt, Bill Davis, and Barb Reid

Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation: Councillor Bill Davis

Haliburton Highlands Health Professionals Recruitment Committee: Councillor Elizabeth Danielsen

Municipal Advisory Committee for the Algonquin Land Claim: sitting Warden

Land Division Committee for the term January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011: Councillor Bill Davis (alternate, Andrea Roberts)

When a Councillor is absent from a Committee meeting to which he or she was appointed, the alternate councillor from the member's municipality may act as an alternate with full voting privileges. □

Ornge leading innovator in field of transport medicine

from page 2

On their website, Ornge states they are the "leading innovator in the emerging field of transport medicine, performing over 20,000 admissions every year". In a background on their service, Ornge states "On-board medical care is made possible by a system featuring around-the-clock teams of transport medicine paramedics with specialized training to care for acute patients in the aero medical environment." Also on their website is a press release issued Oct. 19, 2010 that outlines the opening of a new Transport Medicine Centre of Excellence in 2011 to serve southern Ontario, a centre that will be located at the Hamilton International Airport - the air ambulance currently operates from Toronto Island. While the exact move date is still not known, since the new location is still being retrofitted, the press release indicates the October date was giving their employees a minimum of six months notice.

Patrick Kennedy is the director of the department of emergency services in Haliburton County - Kennedy says the first time he heard of the move was through a letter sent through the union in mid-November.

"This was a done deal by the time we heard about it," Kennedy said. "It's not like we got to comment or discuss this first. It was already a done deal."

Kennedy said from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010, Ornge provided 96 calls - that number includes hospital transfers - and that Haliburton County is second only to Peterborough with the number of calls in all of Eastern Ontario.

Ornge has been the private, non-profit company operating air ambulance service throughout Ontario full-time since 2006. While Kennedy has been very happy with the service provided by Ornge, when he saw that letter through the union, he asked for a meeting to outline his concerns with the impending, increased response times. Kennedy said he's been told that the response time to Haliburton will increase by about nine minutes, but that inconvenience may be offset by improved flying capacity with a new aircraft being used by Ornge.

"The standing joke has been that if there's a cloud in the sky the air ambulance won't make it in," Kennedy said. "But apparently with these new aircraft, they will be able to fly in more adverse weather conditions than they could with the old aircraft."

Kennedy said he was also told that there were many good reasons for Ornge to move out of the Toronto Island Airport - with weather and improved visibility both factors. But as to why Ornge didn't move to Peterborough or even Oshawa airport, Kennedy was told that both locations were ruled out "for one reason or another."

But Kennedy repeated that right now, the service had been working as it should - with the capacity to transfer a critically injured patient from Haliburton to a regional trauma centre within a reasonable timeline - he said the average response time for an air ambulance in Haliburton County has been 45 minutes and that will now be pushed to about 55 minutes.

Ornge COO Tom Lepine said they have actually been considering a move for the base since they took over the contract with the province's Ministry of Health for air ambulance in 2006 - and that the problems associated with their base at the Toronto Island Airport had been well documented even before that time.

"Fog and weather conditions are always a major concern at



Ornge landed at the Haliburton Forest on Tuesday to transport an injured man from an accidental fall on Kennis Lake Road.

Photo courtesy of Haliburton Forest.

the Island," Lepine said in a telephone interview on Tuesday. "Our other issue is moving our staff back and forth by ferry - a ferry that doesn't run 24-7. So we've been looking for an alternate location for a long time and we've examined every airport in the region to find the best alternative and we came up with Hamilton."

Lepine said they had to consider issues around weather, runway length, access by staff and even noise complaints in the community - they analyzed weather data at all regional airports on an hour-by-hour basis - but the most important motivation in the move to Hamilton is the capacity to sustain the growing service.

"We had no ability to expand our services at Toronto Island," Lepine said. "This move to Hamilton will allow us to expand our service to include fixed-wing aircraft."

Lepine said the Hamilton airport as well has a four-times greater capacity to launch aircraft than other airports they looked at - because of more ideal weather conditions. And the addition of their new aircraft - the AW139 - with its de-icing system will also offer increased capacity to fly in difficult weather conditions.

Lepine says those factors will increase their launch reliability, more than offsetting the varying response times - and he says, they do vary.

"The nine minutes is an average we're estimating from Hamilton," Lepine said. "But our crews are not always flying from Hamilton, they may be enroute back from somewhere

closer, which could mean their response time would be quicker. And don't forget that we also fly out of Sudbury and Ottawa. Haliburton County is actually well-positioned for our service because of that proximity to three bases. If we can't get out of Toronto, we can get out of Ottawa - that's the second quickest response."

Lepine said a letter about the move was issued to hospitals in October and letters were sent out to EMS services, however he said if Kennedy had not been notified of the impending change to the service, "that was a misstep on our part."

So despite the possibility of increased response times, Kennedy insists the move is a "good news story" for people across Ontario.

"Of course we considered the impact on rural Ontario. We're not usually taking a rescue victim out of Toronto, we're usually bringing patients back to Toronto from rural Ontario," Lepine said. "This move should increase our capacity to serve communities in rural Ontario."

Ornge has recently added a critical care land ambulance service based in Peterborough to their regional services. Ornge expects the new base at Hamilton airport to be open in late fall of 2011.

"This move is the very best case scenario," Lepine said.

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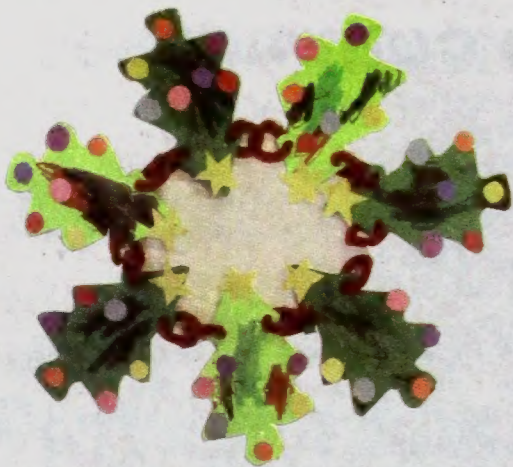
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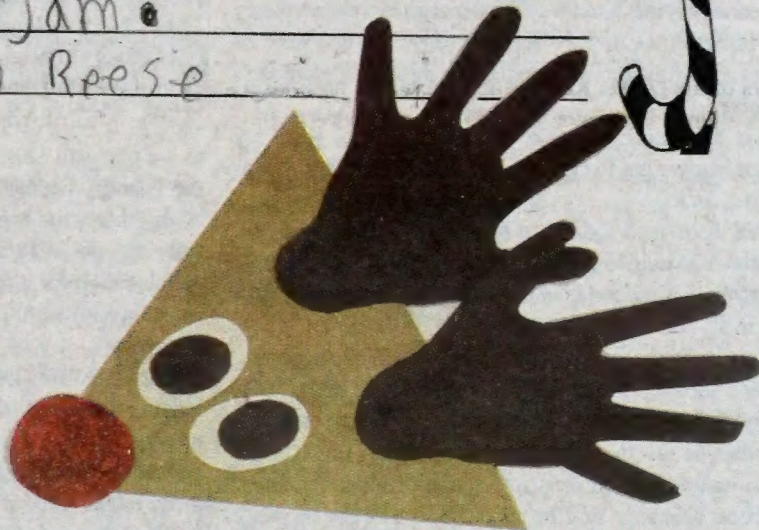
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Highlands East council summary

By Mark Arike

The following are brief summaries of matters discussed at the Tuesday, Dec. 14 meeting of Highlands East council. This was the first meeting of the new council.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge named deputy-reeve

Ward 2 Councillor Suzanne Partridge couldn't find the words to express how happy she was when acclaimed as Highlands East's deputy-reeve.

"I'm speechless," said Partridge after being acclaimed.

Ward 4 Councillor Joan Barton was first to nominate Partridge after clerk Irene Cook called for nominations.

"I think Suzanne has the experience and she has the expertise ... and she has the charm," said Barton.

Barton provided a brief overview of Partridge's career and explained why her experiences would be beneficial to council.

"She began her career with three years of service on the local school board. When she left the school board she went into municipal politics in Cardiff. She spent three years there as a councillor and then sat as reeve during the amalgamation period ... she's served on Highlands East council for its entire lifespan" said Barton. Barton's nomination was seconded by Ward 3 Councillor Cecil Ryall.

"I think there are four councillors here, who eventually over time will probably be excellent deputy-reeves," explained Ryall, "but at this point in time, I think Suzanne will be the best person to be beside him (Reeve Dave Burton)."

"I think it's going to give us the representation that will

be the envied by most of the other municipalities," added Ryall.

With no other nominations from the floor (after the call was made three times), a resolution was passed naming Partridge as the new deputy-reeve.

Council wants groups to pitch-in for recently repaired bridge

When councillors saw the before and after photos of a bridge repaired by the Paudash Trail Blazers, they decided that they would approach some local organizations for financial support of the recently completed project.

"The Paudash Trail Blazers have picked up the tab for doing this," said Reeve Dave Burton, explaining that the municipality was informed of the group's undertaking approximately two months ago.

The bridge, located at the IB & O rail trail at McCue Lake, is used by ATV/enduro riders and snowmobilers.

Burton said that the repairs came at a cost of around \$4,500, and suggested that council approach the local snowmobile association.

"It was about a year ago that the [Haliburton] ATV Association said that they might have some funds that could help out with some projects," said Burton. "I was wondering if we should give council, or staff, direction to contact them and possibly the enduro riders who use it to see if they could help out with the costs."

Council agreed to contact those groups to see if they would help reimburse the Paudash Trail Blazers for their expenditures.

Two councillors to get involved on source water working group

It's important to have representation from the municipality on committees like the Source Water Municipal Working Group for the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority, Glen Covert, Environment and Property Supervisor, told council.

"Those committees each have two members sitting on them," explained Covert, "one is from council ... this year it's very important because they're going to start making policies and procedures. Once decisions are made, it will be the municipalities that will be responsible for making sure they're enforced."

Partridge is currently on the Crowe Valley's board of directors, and Covert is also on the committee.

Councillor Steven Kauffeldt said that he would join the committee when Burton asked who would be interested in representing the interests of the municipality.

"I would be willing to put myself forward, but since I'm new, I'm a little concerned as to what that entails," said Kauffeldt. Burton informed Kauffeldt that he would be brought up-to-speed on current matters.

Councillor Cecil Ryall volunteered to be the alternate representative should Partridge be unable to attend any of the committee's future meetings.

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is a corporate body that works in partnership with its member municipalities and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to further the conservation, development, and management of natural resources. □

Algonquin council appoints committees

By Jerry Grozelle

Committee appointments

Several committees were appointed for the term ending December 31, 2014.

The Oxtongue Lake Community Centre Committee consists of: Recreation Coordinator Melissa Alfano, Marnie Brethour, Judy Clapp, Shelley Cousintine, Joan Diamond, Fran Gower, John Gunderman, Scott Hayden, and council representatives Gary Schultz and Lisa Barry.

Members of the Dorset Recreation Committee are: Joe Alfano, Recreation Coordinator Melissa Alfano, Steve Cyopic, Jim Jones, Kerry Lock, Ruth Lynch, Rose MacKay, Annette Schumacher, and council representatives Gary Schultz and Lisa Barry. The Dorset Park Committee appointees for the next four years includes: Recreation Coordinator Melissa Alfano, Brad Johnson, Ruth Ross, Clint MacKay, Earle Northover and Liz Griffin.

The Stanhope Recreation Committee members are: Recreation Coordinator Melissa Alfano, Robin Carmount, Michelle Moore, and council representatives Gary Schultz and Lisa Barry. The Stanhope Soccer Committee includes: Coordinator Melissa Alfano, Robin Carmount, Michelle Coneybeare, Peter Warden, and Rhoda Warham.

The Stanhope Airport Committee members are: Barry Hart, Jamie Biladeau, Angela Balle, Marlene Maxwell, Norm Mills, Paul Robinson, and council representatives Gary Schultz and Liz Daniels.

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails Committee appointees are: Minden Hills Representative Rick Ratcliff, Lake of Bays Representative Kelly Stronks, public members Peter Brogden, Ted Koehler, Fred Shuttleworth, Bill Hutson and Council Representative Gary Schultz.

Haliburton County Land Division Committee appointees are: Gerald Bain and John Clayton.

The Dorset Heritage Museum Committee members are: Kerry Lock, Laila McGuire, Barb Kostenuk, Lee Payne, John Clayton, Pat Zwoil, Margaret Stroud, Norm MacKay, and council representatives Gord Henderson and Lisa Barry.

Member of the Stanhope Heritage Discovery Museum Committee are: Betty Moffatt, Bill Forbes, Barbara Cameron, Norma Goodger, Jane Eastwood, and council representatives Gord Henderson and Lisa Barry.

Algonquin Highlands Finance Committee appointees are: Carol Moffatt and Lisa Barry. The Algonquin Highlands Committee of Adjustment members are: Jim Harrison, John Clayton, Jim Gould, Gerald Bain, Advisory member Mitch O'Grady and Secretary-Treasurer Angie Bird.

Liz Danielsen was appointed as the Algonquin Highlands representative on the Kawartha Conservation Water Source Protection Working Group.

The Algonquin Highlands representative on the Muskoka Watershed Council as well as the Lakes Simcoe and Couchiching/Black River Source Protection Authority is Gord Henderson.

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Youth charged in Woodville assault back in court January 18

Kawartha Lakes – The bail hearing for the 17-year-old facing multiple charges in the assault on a four-year-old Woodville girl has been put over until January 18.

The youth, whose identity is protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, made a brief court appearance on Dec. 14 and was remanded in custody. He is facing four charges in the incident that occurred back in October at the Woodville Arena, including abduction, forcible confinement, aggravated assault and aggravated sexual assault. The incident happened on October 18 when the child entered the arena washroom by herself. Police say she was taken from the washroom, assaulted and then left in a nearby field. A family member tried to follow her to the washroom, but found the door locked. When staff opened the door, the child was reported missing and she was later found semi-conscious in the field.



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French books for Haiti: J.D. Hodgson Elementary School students in Lorry Brandon's grade 7 French immersion class recently teamed up with students at Riverside Public School in Huntsville to collect French books for primary students in Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti. All that they have collected will be delivered to Haitian students in March through the Wings Over Haiti program. The students are still accepting books, which can be dropped off at the school's office.

Photo by Mark Arike



Dysart fighters assist Home Builders and 4Cs: Dysart et al Fire Chief Miles Maughan, Dave McKay and Murray Miscio spent Dec. 11 in front of Todd's Independent Grocer, collecting toys for families in need and spare change in a boot for the Haliburton 4Cs. They collected \$1,100 in cash and two-carloads of toys were delivered to the Haliburton County Home Builders Association – organizers of the 15th annual Christmas challenge.



Bake Sale: Ev Stata and Kathleen Owens served up delicious treats at the annual West Guilford Craft and Bake Sale on Saturday. Owens, United Church Women president at the Maple Lake United Church, organized the event.



Moonlight Madness: The Voice created a Moonlight Madness contest in Minden in November during the annual Minden event and 17 businesses participated. Each of the 17 businesses had ballot boxes and names were collected during the event. The winners were as follows, from left: Stephanie Crowe, Chloe Samson and Bev Elias. Each winner was presented with gift certificates from the participating businesses.

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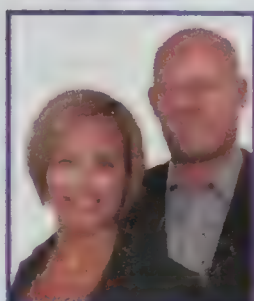
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Photo by Mark Arike



Twoonies at the till at Todd's: Todd's Independent held their Christmas Twoonie at the Till campaign raising \$2,300 for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Every donor had their name entered into a prize draw that included two platinum Leafs tickets, one night's accommodation at the Delta Chelsea and a dinner for two. Dale Walker, executive director of the HHHS Foundation drew the winner's name last Tuesday at Todd's, while capital campaign chair Don Popple and Todd's owner, Steve Todd looked on.

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Goddess Extravaganza: Organized through the combined efforts of Terri Mathews, Heather Mancuso, Chyna Schell, Holly Bishop and Val Craftchick, the first event of its kind was a fundraiser for the Haliburton 4Cs food bank and Food for Kids - Haliburton County's student nutrition program. Through it, \$679 was raised for Food for Kids and three large bags of non-perishable food items were collected for the 4Cs. Top: Val Craftchick gives Jocelyn Donaldson a Reiki massage during Goddess Extravaganza day at Haliburton Dance Arts on Dec. 4. Below: Zumba dance instructor Suzanne Haedicke shows ladies how to do some of her energizing moves.

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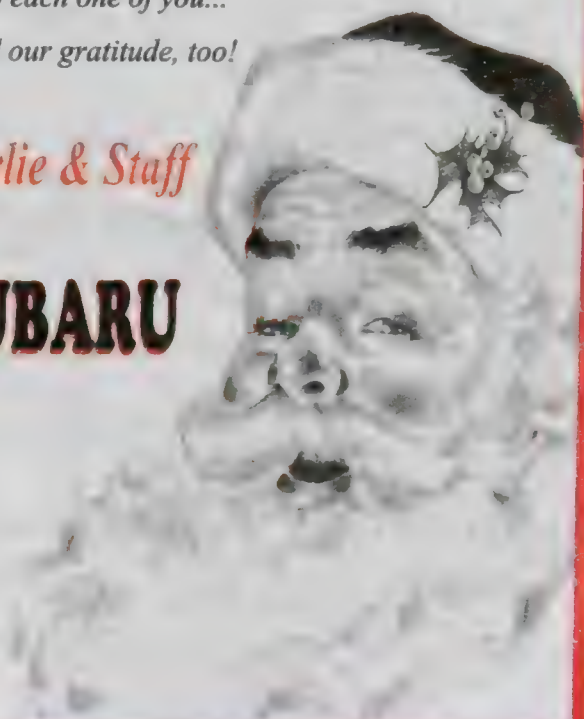
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Famous mentalist to visit Haliburton

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By Mark Arike

For some six decades, world-renowned mentalist The Amazing Kreskin has been entertaining audiences with his unexplainable feats that dare to defy what's humanly possible.

Kreskin has made appearances all over the globe – and soon he'll be pulling in his tricks in Haliburton.

In a recent press release, The Haliburton & District Lions Club announced that they will be bringing the showman to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Friday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m.

"Kreskin is the world's foremost mentalist and will astound you with his mind-boggling feats of extra-sensory-perception," stated the release.

"This unique opportunity comes rarely so don't miss the chance to be part of the experience."

Proceeds from the tickets, which are \$30, will help the Haliburton Lions Club fulfill a fundraising commitment for the creation of a cancer care facility at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

"Since people [from the

community] have to go to Kingston or Oshawa for radiation treatments, we wanted to help offer that a little closer to home," said Lions member David Mills.

Along with Lions clubs in neighbouring areas, the goal of fundraising efforts is to raise \$250,000, said Mills of the campaign.

Tickets for this once-in-

a-lifetime show are available at Cranberry Cottage in Haliburton and Pharmasave in Minden. For additional information can be obtained by calling Jim Frost at 705-457-4031.

For more information about Kreskin visit www.amazingkreskin.com. □



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Hawks win gold at American tourney

By Terrance Gavan

The last time Ron Yake took a Hal High hockey team to Lake Placid was 1993.

Coincidentally most of the players on this year's Red Hawks hockey team were born in and around 1993-94.

Now, maybe Ron Yake told his current Red Hawks team what the class of '93-94 did in Lake Placid; back when the current crop of shiny Hawks were being dropped willy-nilly and diaper-clad onto the bumpy Highlands countryside by a squadron of storks. And maybe he didn't. But the latter day Hawks are a pretty canny bunch, and I'm sure that before they left by bus for Lake Placid last Thursday, someone looked it up.

And found out that yes, the 1993 Red Hawks had won the 1993 Lake Placid tourney. So last weekend - Dec 17-19 - the current version of the hockey Hawks did the only thing they could do really. They upheld 17 years of pressure, pride and tradition. They popped the cork and brought that American Cup back home to Haliburton.

The Hawks stayed undefeated in round robin play on Friday and Saturday, before defeating Vincent Massey (Brandon, Manitoba) 5-0 in the American Cup Tournament final on Sunday morning. Big trip and a lotta' games.

Now if that ain't enough. The Hawks grabbed their medals, a picture or two, and charged onto the bus Sunday afternoon for the seven hour trip back to Haliburton.

They caught some sleep, went to class on Monday, ate some supper, and headed out onto the Dysart Barn ice for a league encounter against Fenelon Falls on Monday evening.

The Hawks led 3-1 after one, 4-1 after two periods and stretched that lead to 5-1 midway through the third before surrendering two goals with a minute left in the third period.

Yake was not overly concerned about that last minute breakdown.

"I think it's one of those things where you're four goals up and there's a minute left and you lose concentration," said Yake. Keaton Gadway and Mark Vasey each had a goal and an assist, while Chris Judge, Jordan Howe and Brett Yake added singles. Chad Larue added two assists, with other helpers going to Ian Bottum, Ashton Hailey, Carson Roberts and Drew Paul. The Hawks played yet another league game on Tuesday afternoon at Lakefield HS. (See score and stats at the bottom of this story.)

"Once we're done this week, we'll let the guys have a break over Christmas," he added. A lot of the players on his team toil for club teams in AAA Midget and Yake explains that giving players a break doesn't mean most of the guys won't be on the ice - a lot.

The Lake Placid trip, the gold medals and the chance to participate at the storied Lake Placid site where Herb Brooks and the US Olympic team performed that virtuoso Miracle on Ice, chopping the Russkies off at the knees at the height of the Cold War, way back in 1960.



Hawks Goalie Zach Harrison was superb in a 5-3 victory over Fenelon Falls on Monday night.

Photo by Gav.

Sort of Christmas come early for these Red Hawks players, and especially heady for two rookie goaltenders Zach Harrison and Andrew Elia who managed to put together a pretty nice string of three shutouts to place that bold imprimatur on the tournament.

"Our team played pretty well in all the shutouts and we limited the other team's chances, but the goalies played well and they were solid shutouts," said Yake.

The Hawks tied Brandon's Vincent Massey 3-3 in the first game of the round robin. On Friday afternoon they beat Lakefield College 3-1 and Yake said that was an important win after tying Lakefield 4-4 in a prior pre-season tourney. On Saturday they bust out with a 5-0 win over les Commandeur from Levis, Quebec and followed that up with a 10-0 victory over St. Marks from Newark, Delaware.

"We got to play on that big ice surface and we were able to utilize our speed and passing to great advantage on the Olympic ice," said Yake. "We played well and the key is that when these guys go to a tournament now, they go wanting to win," said Yake. "We go planning to have a good time as well, but we are prepared to win when it's all said and done. And that's what happened in the final game, they were better prepared than the other team."

"And Vincent Massey had some good players, but whatever

it was, after playing them to a tie in the round robin, we were just more ready to play on Sunday." Yake allows that the trip also served a dual purpose.

The new York trip could play a huge role in the overall gelling and development of the Hawks says Yake.

"The trip was a great experience for the guys, crossing the border, the long bus ride and playing in a different part of North America it was great for all of us," said Yake. "Maybe most important is the camaraderie. The bus ride, playing cards together, it all just helps develop the team elements. It's nice to win that tourney, but the exercise is good for the team as a whole. It's good teambuilding activity; that's what it is."

The Red Hawks beat Lakefield High School 9-0 on Tuesday afternoon. "Another solid effort by all players," said coach Yake. The Hawks were missing Ashton Hailey (lower body injury - minor) and Brandon Yake (school commitments). "Lakefield worked hard but could not contain our offensive attack," added Yake.

Brett Yake led the way with three goals. Mark Vasey and Scott Griffith had two goals apiece while Carson Roberts and Drew Paul tallied singles. Ian Bottum scored four assists in the game and Andy Elia got credit for the shutout and win.

Biggest test of the season comes in the Peterborough tourney in January.

Quick junior hoopsters split a pair

By Terrance Gavan

Hal High junior hoopsters are wink-quick and they anticipate well. Attributes deftly molded to the transition game.

Guard pressures ball, guard steals ball and guard finds open man on fast break. Easy peasey if ya' got da' horses.

Last Wednesday, in the opening game of a doubleheader at the Hawk's Nest versus the perennially strong Weldon Wildcats, the junior Hawks dropped a very close 40-36 encounter - but they also proved they've got the counterpunching wherewithal to go a long way this year.

The loss dropped the Hawks Kawartha League record to 1-4, but don't let the paucity of that stat fool you.

According to coach Paul Longo, the record could just as easily be 3-2.

"We've had some close losses so far, and I don't see any one team running away with it this year," said Longo via phone on Monday evening. That knowledge has his Hawks pretty juked about the possibilities.

The Hawks travelled to Gravenhurst for an exhibition on Friday (Dec 17) and the club won that contest 38-25. So Longo can be forgiven for feeling just a little more relaxed as the juniors head into the Christmas sojourn. Longo took home some positives from the three game hustle last week.

"We came back hard and we really turned it on in the third and the fourth quarters," said Longo. "The Tuesday game versus Brock was a game that we should have won. We won the exhibition, and the Weldon game was very close. So a pretty good week."

Longo adds that the whole Kawartha West league seems well balanced. He thinks that the second half of the season will ultimately determine the playoff picture.

"That game against Weldon could have gone either way," said Longo. "And the Gravenhurst game was, perhaps, our best overall game of the year. We played good defense the whole way. They played us man-to-man which was nice to see, so overall, even though we lost two, it was a pretty positive week."

Louis Ferracuti scored 12 points to lead the Red Hawks against Weldon. Zach Cox and Nathan Feir scooped the boards, and but for some lingering outward rolls off the rim, the Hawks had a great chance at salvaging the victory, in spite of carrying a 23-13 deficit to the locker room at the half.

"We outscored them in the second half (23-17) and we did that by hustling to the ball," said Longo. Both Tanner Ballantyne and Ferracuti made a number of steals in the second half. And during a brief spurt in the fourth quarter they were able to make it very interesting. Disappointed? Surely, but

Longo added that all that excitement has its upside.

The Hawks know that they do have the potential to score against some very strong competition. The win on Friday at Gravenhurst gave the hawks a positive boost at the right time.

"It's hard to pick out any one player on Friday because everyone played well," said Longo. "Louis had 12 points on Friday and Zach had 10. Tanner Ballantyne had a great game as well. The other guy for us was Kieran Poropat. He had a great game and I'm pretty sure that he's the fastest kid in Grade 10. He's quick and when he gets going he's very hard to stop." He says that none of his players are feeling the pang of that 1-4 record and no one's hanging their head.

"We're practicing this week and then we're done till the new year," said Longo.

The hawks play five more league games and three of those are at home, with the rematch against Weldon scheduled as the last game of the year. The way things are going that might just turn into the most important game of the year. Longo says that they are starting to gel, and to believe that they can play and stay with any team in this league.

"We have a really great group to work with," says Longo speaking for both he and co-coach Martin Gage.

"Everyone's learning more with every game."

Gav on Sports

Greg Walsh spun back behind the bench

By Terrance Gavan

Here's what we know about Greg Walsh, an erstwhile minor league hockey coach from Peterborough.

Greg Walsh runs a NAPA auto parts dealership and boy is his district supervisor happy that Greg loves wearing that NAPA jacket.

Talk about an unplanned advertising windfall. Walsh has been wearing that jacket nonstop since he went viral in early December and we are hoping that the NAPA district supervisor comes big at Greg this Christmas.

Who the hell is Greg Walsh?

Greg Walsh has been on the national with Carol MacNeil.

He's been a featured story on front pages across Canada.

Greg is a cause célèbre.

Because Greg Walsh stood up to the jacked-up patriarchal bureaucrats that run minor hockey here in Canada.

Walsh said no to racism when he pulled his NAPA Auto Parts team from a game way back on Nov. 15.

The Peterborough Minor Hockey association in conjunction with the OMHA and Hockey Canada rules, told him to take a seat in the stands while the hordes of bored governors settled into the decision making process.

Last week the Ontario Minor Hockey Association ruled that Walsh must sit - yes in that walking advertisement that his boss loves so much - in the stands at the Evinrude Arena for the rest of the season.

Refresher course is in order.

Walsh's suspension came after he forfeited a Nov. 15 game after he heard a player on the opposing team, Austin Trophies, call one of his players, 16-year-old Andrew

McCullum, the "N-word" during an on-ice confrontation.

The referee said he did not hear the racial slur. Walsh was punished with an indefinite suspension.

Walsh said he didn't mind, that it was more important to stand for ethics and on principle. Then the real ruling came down, suspending Walsh for the year.

The OMHA originally said that it had no choice, but to suspend Walsh because it had to follow Hockey Canada's rule book. They suspended Walsh until April, 2011.

Here's the rub.

In its ruling the OMHA said that it treated the two infractions - the racist slur and the removal of tem in protest - as two separate actions. A ruling so patently ludicrous that we needn't comment further.

So the OMHA suspended the offending coach and player three games; and Walsh was nailed to the cross.

It's bunk, bupkis and balderdash all rolled into the narrow crevice of an organizational noodle befuddled by a collective case of nebulous nepotism.

The move prompted a public outcry across the country.

And guess what?

After both Walsh and McCullum - target of the n-word slur - appeared with the Pastor on national television the gentle rodents that power the treadmills that run the Borgan brain of the OMHA apparently jogged into action.

They pedaled so mightily over the weekend that the OMHA, in a meeting behind closed doors - presumably to protect a prying public from the loud squeaking of those seldom used treadmills - decided to reverse their decision on Monday.

"It was terminated as of today," said Richard Ropchan, executive director of the Ontario Minor Hockey Associa-

tion. "He's back behind the bench as of today."

Ropchan said the reversal came after a closed-door board meeting over the weekend.

"I'm not prepared to make any comment on that (the reasons)," he said. "There was a review of the situation via the board and that was the decision."

I've been privy to a few suggestions via CBC and the Toronto Star, who broke the story, that there was more going on behind the scenes than just national outrage.

The CBC morning program on Tuesday suggested that some coaches from across the province were starting to withdraw teams from Peterborough hockey tournaments in protest of Walsh's suspension.

Nothing will get the OMHA's attention like a grass roots rebellion. And the possible loss of revenue or heaven forbid, advertising revenue.

I bless all of the coaches who pressured the OMHA with class action, because the suspension of Walsh was hokey when it started and it's hokey today.

Here's the thing.

Walsh was near tears on Tuesday because of two words spoken by McCullum in a televised interview. Young Andrew told the interviewer: "I'm sorry."

That's right.

The kid who was called the n-word was apologizing on national television.

That moved Walsh and it moved me.

A 16 year old hockey player should never have to apologize for being black.

There's a lesson here.

Teach your children people.

Teach 'em well. □

Sr. hoops Hawks win big in Gravenhurst

By Terrance Gavan

The IE Weldon Wildcat Hoop Cats are formidable, daunting, and deep. They play tough man to man and can scurry to a fronting zone when necessary.

Hal High coach Roland Zilla knows what to expect when his squad settles in against that Lindsay institution.

In fact, Zilla said in a post-game scrum after a league game versus Brock last Tuesday (Dec 14), "if we can hold them (Weldon) under fifty tomorrow, we've got a good chance."

And on Wednesday the 3-1 Hawks sallied forth against the 4-0 Cats knowing one thing: live by the run and die by the gun; the gun in this case: the Wildcats' withering fast break.

The Hawks lost 41-32, but may have won a strategic battle of wills.

Hal High silenced an explosive team that - until last week's trip to the Hawk's Nest - had been bopping Kawartha opposition on their collective noggins. The Wildcats ran right over Brock Bulldogs by 50 plus in an earlier league game.

The Hawks startled freewheeling Weldon with a fronting zone, challenging the outside shooters, and stifling the Cats' inside game. Both teams were scoreless for the first three minutes of play, a testament to that hungry zone.

More important, the Hawks ran a patient half court offence looking to capitalize with off-ball screens against a combative and stingy man-to-man defense.

Thankfully, in a high school league that eschews the shot clock, Zilla's Red Hawks channeled former UNC coach Dean Smith, playing an up-tempo version of the ol' Tar Heel shuffle, a strategic slowdown guaranteed to frustrate quick stepping teams. And it worked. Weldon's composure wilted and the Hawks got exactly what they wanted: a slow percolating

Tennessee quicksand contest. Weldon consolidated a 10-4 first quarter lead and led 18-6 at the half.

Zilla said post-game that the 18 was right but the Hawks low output, attributed to a few missed lay-ups and cold shooting, was not part of the blueprint.

The second half played differently however, and the Hawks - led by Luke Watson's 10 points, Chris Allison's 8 and Jesse Lefebvre's 6 points and awesome work on the boards - went out and played the Cats straight up, winning the second half 26-23. Zilla says the strong play, muscle memory, and ingrained acceptance of that strong second half effort will carry the Hawks in the latter part of the season.

"Our zone really challenged their shots," said Zilla. "We were sending two guys back early on every transition."

The slowdown, the patience and the positive reinforcement of that second half rebound left Zilla pretty happy in spite of the scoreboard numbers.

"We play Weldon in the last game of the season, and how much stronger are we going to be by then?" said Zilla. "We missed some threes and some layups in that first half and if we add up those missed chances... who knows?"

One thing we do know is the Hawks took that positive energy on the road last Friday (Dec. 17) and beat Gravenhurst 57-30.

It was a timely exhibition and just the tonic for that Weldon loss.

"We played just as well against Gravenhurst as we had against Weldon," said Zilla by phone on Monday night. "We got great games from both Jesse (Lefebvre) and Damon (Flatman), they both scored 14. Chris Allison had 12 points and Luke (Watson) had 8. We pretty much played everybody. We got to use the whole bench." The Hawks play their annual Alumni Game today (Thursday) at 4 p.m. in the Nest.



Luke Watson drives to the hoop against Fenelon Falls last Wednesday.

Photo by Gav

Hal High hosts wrestling tourney

By Terrance Gavan

Call it a trial run.

Hal High wrestlers got a chance to hone their skills and perfect traps, holds and takedowns last Thursday, right here at the Hawks' Nest.

Close to 250 wrestlers from area schools participated in the large event.

The organization of the tourney put a stifling leg-lock on Red Hawk coaches Paul Klose and Dan Faulkner, who were so busy running around monitoring action on four mats, that they had only spurts of time to spend with their athletes.

A necessary part of the process and Klose said that it was a useful exercise alerting them to what they'll be facing while hosting the Kawartha Championships on Feb 11.

"Mike Mazara wrestled well, as did Maia O'Sullivan," said Klose. "Overall the team had a successful day. We are still working on improving technique in preparation for the Kawartha Championships."

Red Hawk Results

Girls Gold Medalists - Lily Coneybeare (64 kg), Kayla Gardiner (44 kg), Tara O'Sullivan (57.5 kg)

Silver Medalists - Megan Tompos (UNL), Bailey Walker (51 kg)

Bronze Medalists - Taylor Dair (UNL), Maia O'Sullivan (54 kg)

Boys Gold Medalists - Cody Cox (54 kg), Riley Tait (77 kg)

Silver Medalists - Mike Mazara (54 kg), Gage Shelly (61 kg), Tom Paul (64kg)

Bronze Medalists - Greg Baumgartner (72 kg) □



Mike Mazara locks down an opponent during wrestling action on Thursday.

Photo by Gav



Sam Tallman led the Hawks' charge with 2 goals and 5 assists.

Hawks girls head to Christmas break on a high after 14-0 exhibition win

By Terrance Gavan

The King's Speech is out in a movie theater near you.

It's all about King George VI, his speech impediment and how he overcame it with the help of a loopy speech pathologist and some wild and wacky oral gymnastics. "Rubber baby buggy bumpers anyone?" Ah too bad women's hockey was not in vogue back in 1939.

We might have cured old Prince Albert's stammer on a Tuesday afternoon, if we shoved him in the Dysart Barn's scorer's box with a microphone and told him to announce every goal with an alliterate wiggle: "She shoots, she scores!"

Last Tuesday the Hawks beat Gravenhurst High School 14-0 in a friendly exhibition that might have cured or killed the once and future King.

There ya' go Albert. Now go have at it with Hitler and those bloody Nazis. Lest we get too involved with the lopsided numbers, we should keep in mind that Gravenhurst came to the fray a little undermanned, and co-coach Vince Duchene asked the girls to pass the puck — a lot. And they did. But there was an almost embarrassing discrepancy between the two teams. These Hawks are almost scary good — and getting better — in their inaugural season of Kawartha Hockey League action.

Thankfully the scorers stalled the clock at 5-0 for the duration of the game. Co-coach and Hal High boss Dan Marsden was forced to borrow

skates and an orange whistle because the zebras didn't show. Marsden, who had a bird's eye view of the proceedings said after the game that the team goal centered around, "puck control and team play." Mission accomplished.

Duchene said that as soon as they knew what they were dealing with, the pace and pattern of the game changed. "We worked on puck movement and tried to distribute the puck to everyone," said Duchene.

That was evident in the scoring line. Almost every member of the team contributed.

Sam Tallman (three goals and five assists) and Megan Allore (four goals and four assists) once again led the way for the Hawks. Marlee Gadway had two goals and two assists, Julia Fedeski added a goal and three assists, and Jessica Duchene had a goal and two assists. Paige Roberts and Kate Denniston added a goal and an assist apiece, and the other goal was scored by Breanna Larue. Tammy Everitt had two assists, with single helpers going to Shelby Hunter and Tessa Iles.

One thing we should note. This team just gets better and better every game. Duchene attributes that to the players getting some on the fly instruction watching Tallman, Fedeski, and Allore. They distribute their playing time between the Hawks and competitive minor hockey teams.

They lead by example. And it's infectious.

The girls now move into a well-deserved break before returning to league play in early January.



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Highland Storm Novice December update

The Peppermill Highland Storm Novice A Team continues to rack up points in the Parry Sound Muskoka League standings. The team presently sits alone atop their division having only lost a single league game this year. Playing three games this weekend the Highland Storm came back three times on the road on Friday night to tie Huntsville 3-3, soundly defeated Gravenhurst 15-2 at home on Saturday and defeated Bracebridge 2-0 on Sunday. Every Storm player contributed to the scoring outburst. In what might be a first in Novice competition, all 12 players were on the score sheet in the weekend tilts.

The Storm team has been getting superb goaltending from Nigel Smith who has emerged as the best goaltender in the league. Defensemen James Alexander, Ethan Glecoff and Ryan Hall with the assistance of swingman Isaac Little have kept the goals against to a league leading 28 goals against in 14 games. Ethan's puck sense and ability to track down opposing players is a great tandem for defence partner James Alexander who had been Mr. reliable all year long while Ryan has been the steadiest player on the ice game in and game out. All four Storm defenders are tenacious; their aggressive play have kept the opposing teams on their heels and allowed the offense to move in to high gear averaging just over five goals per game. Fore checking wingers Mikki Bukta and Paul Turner have worked the corners with diligence doing the dirty work alongside the board to set up their teammates and chipping in their share of goals and assists. Rookies Alex Little, Tyson Clements and Joe Boice have been very impressive. Joe adds toughness to the team and drives hard to the net. Tyson's magic hands have led to

a number of highlight real goals. Alex has become the team's 'hound dog' at both ends of the rink, scoring timely goals against the toughest teams. Smooth skating Isaac Little, in his first year of competitive hockey, has emerged as a versatile player, playing both forward and defence and demonstrating leadership both on and off the ice. Zach Morissette and Benn MacNaull have led the scoring attack this season. Zach's speed and Benn's nifty moves and hard shot have enabled them to find the back of the twine on a regular basis. The team has four league games left before playoffs and will have to continue to work hard and improve in the weeks ahead.

Tournament Play

The Peppermill Novice Storm team has played in four tournaments this year advancing to the finals in two tournaments and the semi finals in their other two tournaments. The team faced tough competition in the silver stick losing their first match to Oro 3-1 but advanced to the semi-final with a 2-2 tie against a tough Elmvale team. The Storm was eliminated in the semi-final by Twin Center losing by a 3-0 score. In their last tournament the Storm advanced to the B Final in the Campbellford Tournament by virtue of a 5-0 victory over Loyalist and a 3-2 loss to Wasaga Beach. In the B Final the team lost a tough 1-0 overtime game against Norwood. Goaltender Nigel Smith was a very deserving MVP in this final tournament game. All tournament games have been a great learning experience as the boys are learning what it takes to compete against calibre teams from all parts of the province. ■



From left: HCSA President Scott Doan; Jeff Bull, Steve Searle, and Jeff Davidson

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association celebrates 40th season

By Stephen Patrick

This week the HCSA celebrated 40 years of continuous operation with the opening of the Rail Trail between Haliburton and Kilmount, and with ongoing preparations of its over 400 K of trails throughout the County.

President Scott Doan, Groomers Jeff Bull and Jeff Davidson, and mechanic Steve Searle proudly showed off the HCSA's equipment

recently at HCSA's Haliburton headquarters. "We've had almost 700 volunteer hours put in over the last couple of months getting our trails and bridges and equipment ready. Our membership stands at a healthy 2300 and climbing, and we all hope and expect a great year of sledding."

Memberships are still available, including a very attractive cut-rate for sleds of a certain age.

Randy's Tree Care Peewee AEs

Randys Tree Care and Landscaping Peewee AEs had only one home game this weekend. It was in Haliburton on Saturday Dec 18 against the Port Carling Thunder. It was a tough game for the Thunder as they could not seem to get it together and spent most of the time in their own end, even when the Storm was short-handed. The result of the game was a 14-0 win for the Storm. A shut-out for goalie Parker Smolen and a hat-trick plus two goals for Alex Wilbee. Other goals go to Max MacNaull (2), Jake Bull (2), Regan Casey (2), Greg Crofts, Mac Rider, and John Morrison. Assists go to Regan Casey (3), Greg Crofts (2), Josh Rowden (3), Tim Burgess, Mitch Billings (3), Mac Rider (3), Alex Wilbee (2), and Jake Bull (2).

The Storm only have 2 more games before the end of the regular season, Tuesday January 4/11 in Minden at 730pm against Hunts-

ville and Saturday January 8/11 in Minden at 2pm against Bracebridge. Play-offs begin about mid January.

The All Star game was played in Port Carling on Sunday December 19, two of our players attended Max MacNaull and Ethan Cooper. Two players are chosen by the bench to represent each team, only the goalies from the "A" team go, as there can only be one goalie to represent a "division" ie Atom, Peewee etc. At the writing of this article I do not know the outcome of the All Star game. Thank you to Matthew Burgess, Pat Casey, Ed Smolen and Larry Hartin for their help this weekend. Randys Tree Care and Landscaping Highland Storm Peewee AEs would like to thank all their supporters, families and friends and wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Years!

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Minden Car Quest Bantam C Girls rebound

The Minden Car Quest Bantam C girls rebounded this weekend snapping a two game losing streak. The team's winning weekend consisted of 3 wins on the road; a double-header on Sat afternoon in Port Hope and then Saturday night in Cold Creek. The weekend play wrapped up Sunday afternoon with the tail-end of the home-and-home with Port Hope. Our league record now stands at 14 - 2 - 2 and sitting in second place. In game one, the girls escaped with a 1 - 0 win against Port Hope. Their flat performance almost cost them another loss but Erin Little scored the games only goal off a breakaway pass from Kelsy Maracle started by Jamie Little's break-out.

In game two, McKinnon Casey started the scoring in Cold Creek. Nicole Black scored from a great feed from Alex Litwin off a near hat-trick miss. Alex stayed with the play passing to Nicole in the slot. Alex picked up the helper to go with her two goal performance

with the first being the game winner. Great rebound effort girls. Final score 4 - 0.

The third game of the weekend was a rematch with Port Hope. The girls carried an aggressive edge into the game and never looked back. Maddie Billings pulled the trigger on a beauty wrister from the point to open the scoring. Sydney Feir had a 2 goal night including the game winner. All defence - Maddie Billings, Maddie Allore, Jamie Little and Kenndal Marsden hit the score sheet. Connor Marsden had a hat-trick of her own; three shut-outs for the weekend (11 for the season) stopped at 1:42 left in the third period. Awesome weekend Storm girls.

No more home games for our league play but stay sharp girls as we finish our season with 4 road trip games ...heading into our "being bumped to B" provincial play-downs. □

Minden Pharmasave Peewee A's defeat Gravenhurst

The Minden Pharmasave Peewee A's played a great team game on Saturday versus Gravenhurst with lost of accurate passing and great goaltending.

Austin McKay had another superb game in net with a great save on a penalty shot.

Goals were scored by Jaydon Wood, Chase Burden, Ethan Keefer, and Kyle Lavergne with 1 each. Assists went out to Chase Burden, Brenden McKee, Jaydon Wood, Ryan Hill, Matthew Wilbee, Ryan Edwards and Ethan Keefer.

Congratulations to Ryan Hill, Mathew Wilbee, Jaydon Wood and Austin McKay who were selected to represent the Minden Pharmasave Peewee A team at the MPS All-Star game in Port Carling on Sunday December 19th.

Submitted by Gord Wood

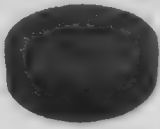
Storm Tyke

Sunday Dec 19th the Highland Storm Tyke team played against the Sturgeon Lake Novice AE team. Great goal scored by Joe Boice, put us on the score board in the first. They answered with a goal. With a battle Joe Boice answered with another goal. Playing hard the team lost 8-2. Congratulations to Dylan, Tim, Joe, Cole, Billy, Jake, Simon, Jaylon, Brenden, Tyler, Sterling, Aaron (I hope I didn't miss anyone) for playing a great game! Next puck drops in Bobcaygeon on Dec. 29th 7pm. □

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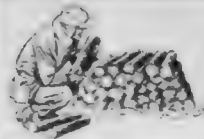
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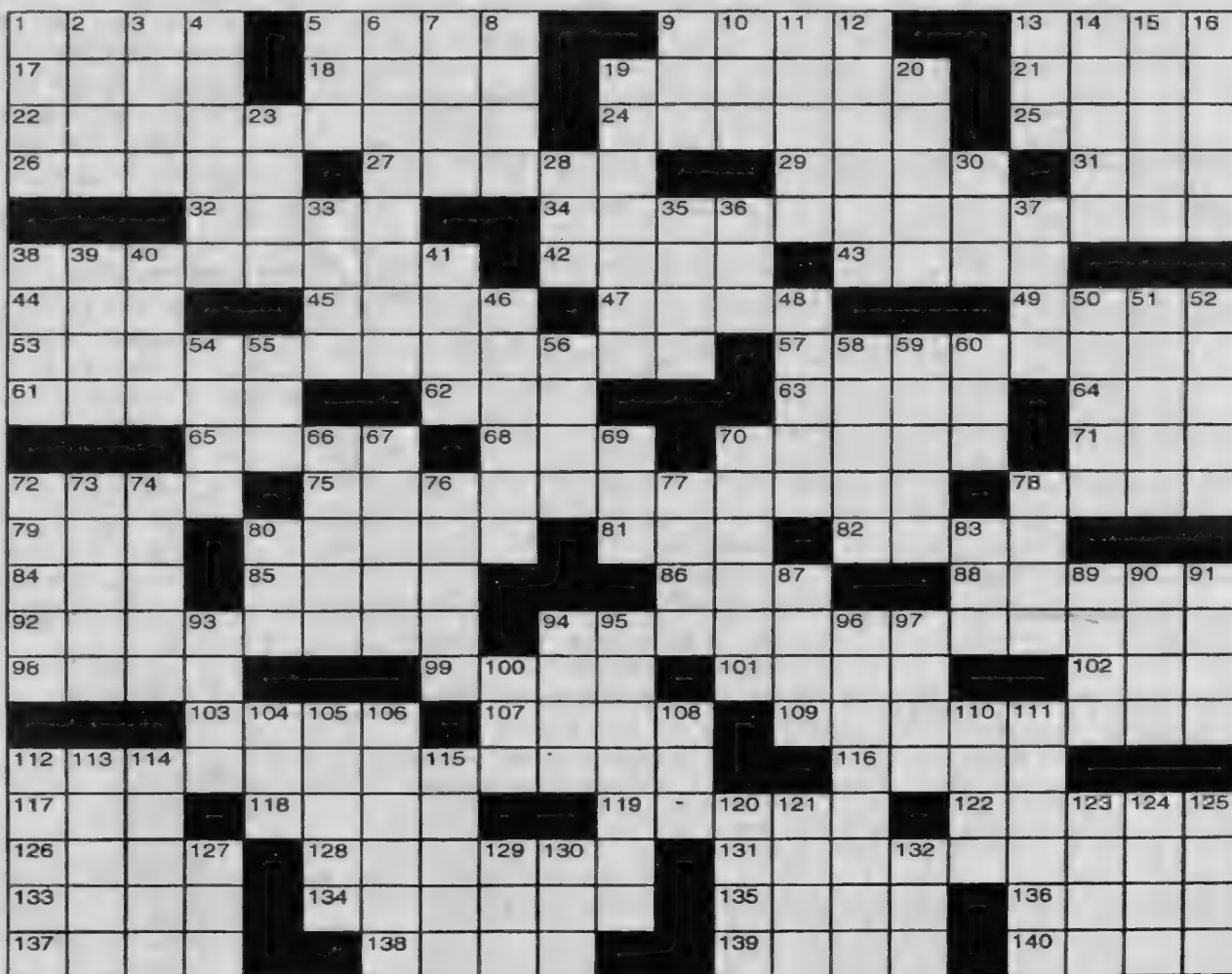
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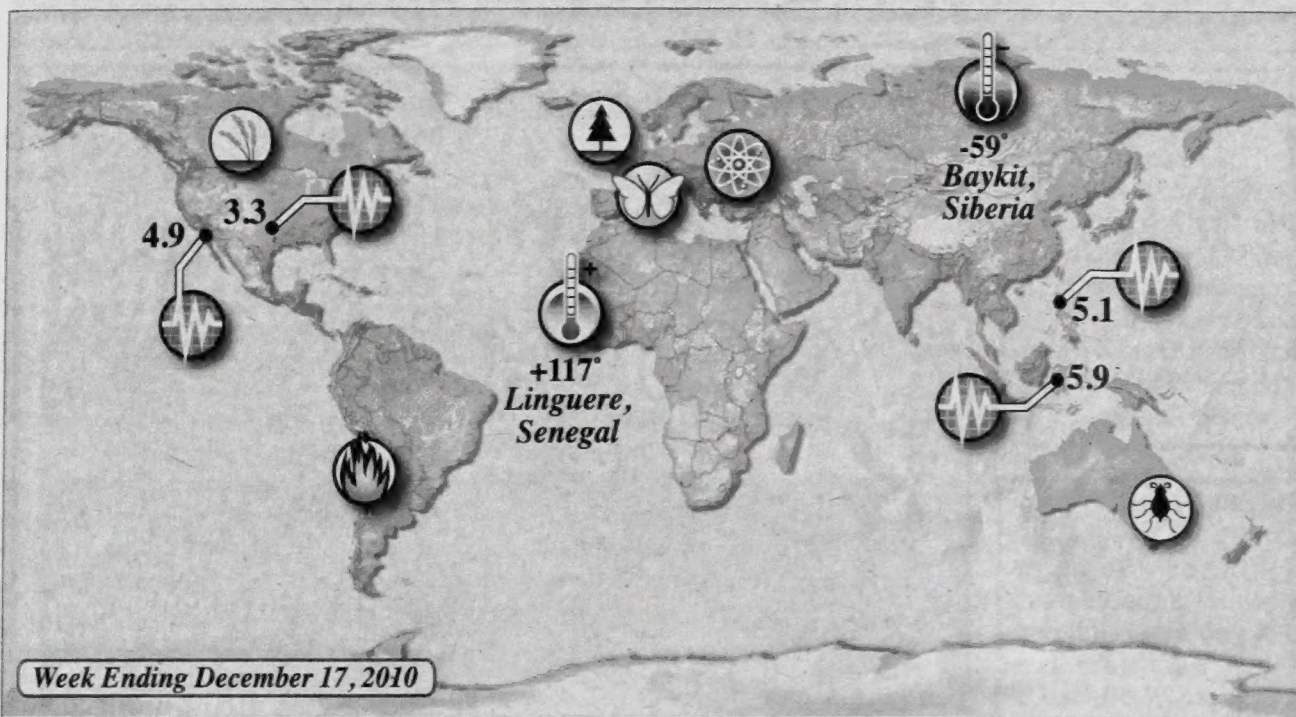
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Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Preserving the Wild

 An ambitious international effort has been launched to gather and store the wild plant species from which the world's primary food crops have been bred. The Global Crop Diversity Trust says the project is designed to safeguard valuable genetic traits, which could come in handy when it becomes necessary to breed yet further varieties able to cope with climate change and new plant diseases. "All our crops were originally developed from wild species — that's how farming began," said Cary Fowler, the trust's executive director. The project will focus on the ancestors of 23 global food crops, including wheat, rice, beans, potato, barley, lentils and chickpeas. While plant breeders have used many traits from the wild relatives of our crops for thousands of years, native species have never been systematically collected and catalogued.

Flitting to Oblivion

 Europe's leading butterfly protection group says that the insects are declining at a steep rate across the continent due to a catastrophic loss of flowering meadows. A new study by Butterfly Conservation Europe reveals the populations of 17 butterfly species have declined by more than 70 percent over the past 20 years. The study was conducted at 3,000 sites in 15 countries. The organization cautions that butterflies are sensitive environmental indicators, and their decline is a warning of underlying problems with the environment. The grassland habitats of the butterflies have been created by traditional livestock grazing and hay-making over centuries of human occupation since the last ice age. The losses are believed to be due to more intensive growing practices in some regions, and the loss of flowering crops as farms are abandoned in others.

Glow-in-the-Dark Tours

 Ukraine has decided to open the site of the world's worst nuclear disaster to tourists starting next month, nearly 25 years after the Chernobyl nuclear power plant explosion showered a large area with radioactive fallout. "Tours to Chernobyl are extreme tourism," said Anatoliy Pakhlya, head of the Ukrainian State Service for Tourism and Resorts. While it is already possible to take unauthorized tours of the Chernobyl plant and surrounding areas, the government says they are illegal and the tourists' safety cannot be guaranteed. Pakhlya says that new authorized tours would steer visitors away from high levels of radioactivity, but allow them to visit abandoned communities and the crippled reactor building itself.

Chilean Firestorms

 Huge summertime wildfires in Chile have blackened more than 14,000 acres of forest in five regions. The country's second-largest city of Valparaiso was threatened by the blazes, which have been fanned by strong winds and sparked by arsonists in unseasonably hot temperatures. Dozens of homes have been lost to the fires, which were also raging around the greater Santiago area and the remote southern region of Magallanes. One of the hardest-hit areas is the tourist town of Guanaqueros, where the fires damaged 30 summer homes.

Earthquakes

 The strongest of eight earthquakes to strike the heart of the Philippine island of Luzon in a single day knocked out power and caused light damage near the epicenter.

- Earth movements were also felt in Sulawesi Island, the Mexico-California border area and central Oklahoma.

Kissless Christmas?

 Mistletoe, a popular Christmas decoration that gives both pagans and Christians an excuse to steal a holiday kiss, may disappear from Britain or become harder to find, according to the country's National Trust. The organization warns the decline of traditional apple orchards, where the parasitic plant thrives, threatens the yuletide tradition. It says that in the apple-growing heartland of Somerset, Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, orchards have declined dramatically over the past 60 years. Besides bedecking the halls in December, mistletoe also provides an important winter food for birds and supports six insects, including the rare mistletoe marble moth.

No Bugs for Christmas

 An ubiquitous bug, whose appearance has meant Christmas is almost here for generations of Australian children, is disappearing around the country's largest city due to urban sprawl, according to a leading entomologist. Stephen Fellenburg, who runs the website Insektus, says Christmas beetle populations are plummeting in and around Sydney as new construction destroys their breeding grounds. The insects were once so common around Sydney that some remember tree branches collapsing under their weight. But loss of habitat means today's children may grow up not hearing the sound of the beetles beating against their screen door as pre-Christmas warmth sets in at the onset of the southern summer. Christmas beetles live underground for up to two years as they mature from larva to pupa. Development is paving the ground in metropolitan Sydney.

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Horoscopes

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming, and turn them into successful ventures.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member makes contact.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments to come through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped could finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partnerships -- personal or professional -- which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So be warned.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.

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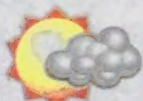


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Cloudy with a few snow showers

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Breezy with a few snow showers

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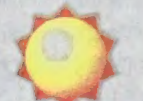
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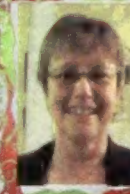
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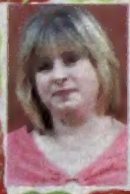
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